

## Timothy at Kansas Department of Commerce Kansas Health Professions Opportunity Program (KHPOP)

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Timothy Seybert is 30 years old and a resident of Great Bend, Kansas. After graduating from high school in 2000, he attended Barton County Community College, taking general education courses and eventually achieving an Associate's degree in Science in 2004. He entered the field of construction as a laboratory technician and then moved into the oil industry. After two years of employment moving drilling rigs, he was laid off in early 2009 due to the declining economy.

At that time Timothy decided to go back to school to prepare for an occupation that provided stability and brain stimulation. He decided to pursue a Radiologic Technology degree, toward becoming an X-ray Technologist, and he chose Fort Hays State University as it was the only college in the state that offered the opportunity to work toward a Bachelor's degree at the same time.

Once he had a game plan, Timothy realized he still needed a few more prerequisites to be eligible for acceptance into the program. He enrolled in some courses at Barton County Community College and stumbled upon information regarding the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). He then went to the Kansas Workforce Center and got into the WIA program, which helped with books, tuition, travel expenses, and school expenses. After two years in that program, he was able to transition into KHPOP, a Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) program funded by the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Family Assistance, to help him complete his schooling.

Timothy graduated from Fort Hays State University with an Associate's degree in Radiologic Technology (RT) and a Bachelor's degree in Medical Diagnostic Imaging. He completed all required clinical hours in both x-ray and computed tomography (CT) at Salina Regional Health Center. In his last semester, he was asked to fill out an application at Salina Regional Health Center and got a temporary, as-needed job. He passed both the CT and RT boards and now has been offered full-time employment at Salina Regional Health Center.

**Katrina at Kansas Department of Commerce  
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Katrina, a single mother with one child, came to the Workforce Center in the spring of 2011, seeking assistance with training expenses. She did not receive public assistance when she enrolled in KHPOP, but did receive FAFSA grant money. She came in as a certified Paramedic employed with Sedgwick County EMS, but she was underemployed in that capacity.

Katrina determined that she would like to pursue training to become an RN. She had enrolled in the EMT to Nursing Bridge program with Pratt Community College when she came to KHPOP requesting assistance. She was approved for KHPOP eligibility, attended the training program with Pratt, completed her training in May 2012, and took and passed her NCLEX exam on June 4, 2012. Within a week of passing her NCLEX exam, she was employed full time as a Registered Nurse with Conmed Healthcare Management, which provides medical care to incarcerated individuals.

KHPOP gave her assistance for gas, books, and supplies that she said would not have been purchased or would have created a huge burden for herself and her son without this support. Further, she said, "I am very thankful for the financial and emotional support that this program provided me." While Katrina was responsible for the hard work and dedication required to improve her situation for herself and her family, the assistance offered by the KHPOP program gave her the resources to overcome obstacles that may have otherwise halted her progress toward her long-term career goals.